

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI T. T. KRISHNAMACHARI) : (a) During the year 1963-64, 100,264 Reams and 486 Reels of water-marked paper were imported by the India Security Press at a foreign exchange cost of Rs. 1-56 crores. The corresponding figures for 1964-65 are 90,258 Reams, 371 Reels and Rs. 1-32 crores respectively.

(b) The water-marked paper is used mainly for printing currency and Bank Notes; and for some other security printing such as Government promissory notes, Government cheque forms etc.

(c) United Kingdom.

(d) There is no proposal to stop import of paper. But ways and means are being explored for reducing the import of paper by using indigenous substitutes wherever possible. The Security Paper Mill now being set up at Hoshangabad will reduce the import of currency note paper considerably.

503. [Transferred to the 7th December, 1965.]

FLOATING POPULATION IN DELHI

504. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made a survey of the floating population in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what is the average floating population in Delhi now?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) No Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

HINDI JOBS EXECUTED IN GOVERNMENT PRESS, NEW DELHI

505, SHRI V. M. CHORDIA : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Hindi jobs executed on the Photo-setter Machine in the Government of India Press, New Delhi during 1960-61 and 1961-62;

(c) whether some matrices are missing from the Press and if so, since when and what efforts have been made to trace them;

(c) whether the missing matrices involve any foreign exchange;

(d) how the Hindi jobs were executed on different measure in case of shortage; and

(e) the number of overtime hours done on Hindi jobs during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA) : (a) Four.

(b) Fifteen letter matrices and 27 space matrices were found short when they were checked on 1st February, 1963. Efforts were made to trace the missing matrices but without any success.

(c) Yes.

(d) By composing on Mono type machines.

(e) This information is not available as the relevant records for the period in question have not been kept separately for Hindi jobs.

OCCUPANCY IN LODHI HOTEL

SHRI ARIJUN ARORA : ~, J
SHRI G.M. MIR : 506-1 SHRI M.
AJMAL KHAN :
LSHRI OM MEHTA :

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state the average occupancy of the Lodhi Hotel, New Delhi in the months of September, October and November, 1965 ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI MEHR CHAND KHANNA) : The Lodhi Hostel was taken over by the Janpath Hotels Ltd. for running it as a hotel under their management with effect from the 15th September, 1965. This was at the height of the Emergency on account of the Pakistani aggression when the occupancy of all hotels in the capital had been very adversely affected. The position in this regard is showing some signs of improvement only now. The average daily occupancy during October was 66 persons and during November 95 persons. Occupancy averages in the months of October and November 1965, however, do not reflect the position as may obtain in a normal period which should be reckoned over a whole year.